BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

REBECCA CAJUCOM SAMILIN REYES; a.k.a. REBECCA REYES; a.k.a. REBECCA SAMILIN REYES, a.k.a. REBECCA AVILA, a.k.a. LORENA VILLALOBOS DE REYES, a.k.a. REBECCA LORENA VILLALOBOS DE REYES; a.k.a. LORENA VILLALOBOS,

Registered Nursing License No. 489403

Respondent.

Case No. 2006 - 92 OAH No.L-2006100241

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on November (0, 2007)
It is so ORDERED OCTOBER (0, 2007).

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PRESIDENT
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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15	REYES; a.k.a. LORENA VILLALOBOS,	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER	
16	Registered Nursing License No. 489403		
17	Respondent.	•	
18	In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public interest and the responsibility of the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs, the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order which will be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final		
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22	disposition of the Accusation.		
23	PARTIES PARTIES		
24	1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of		
25	the Board of Registered Nursing. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is		
26	represented in this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Susan Melton Wilson, Deputy Attorney General.		
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- 2. Respondent Rebecca Cajucom Samilin Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Samilin Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Avila, a.k.a. Lorena Villalobos De Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Lorena Villalobos De Reyes, a.k.a. Lorena Villalobos (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by Law Offices of Bonne Bridges, 3699 Wilshire Boulevard, 10th floor, Los Angeles, California 90010-2719 by Sara E. Hersh, Attorney at Law.
- 2. On or about March 31, 1993, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered Nurse License No. 489403 to Respondent. The registered nurse license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on **August 31**, **2008**, unless renewed.

<u>JURISDICTION</u>

3. Accusation No. 2006 - 92 was filed before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on April 26, 2005. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 2006 - 92 is attached as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 4. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2006 92. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 5. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 6. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

Accusation No. 2006 - 92, if proven at hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline on her

Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in

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Disciplinary Order below.

8. Respondent agrees that her Registered Nursing License is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the

CIRCUMSTANCES IN MITIGATION

9. Respondent Rebecca Cajucom Samilin Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Samilin Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Avila, a.k.a. Lorena Villalobos De Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Lorena Villalobos De Reyes, a.k.a. Lorena Villalobos has never been the subject of any previous disciplinary action.

RESERVATION

10. The statements made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Registered Nursing or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

<u>CONTINGENCY</u>

Nursing. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nursing License No. 489403 issued to Respondent Rebecca Cajucom Samilin Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Samilin Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Avila, a.k.a. Lorena Villalobos De Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Lorena Villalobos De Reyes, a.k.a. Lorena Villalobos (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for two (2) years on the terms and conditions stated below.

Severability Clause. Each condition of probation contained herein is a separate and distinct condition. If any condition of this Order, or any application thereof, is declared unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order, and all other applications thereof, shall not be affected. Each condition of this Order shall separately be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. **Obey All Laws.** Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws. A full and detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by Respondent to the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence. To permit monitoring of compliance with this condition, Respondent shall submit completed fingerprint forms and fingerprint fees within 45 days of the effective date of the decision, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure application process.

Criminal Court Orders: If Respondent is under criminal court orders, including probation or parole, and the order is violated, this shall be deemed a violation of these probation conditions, and may result in the filing of an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation.

2. Comply with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall fully comply with the conditions of the Probation Program established by the Board and cooperate with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing within no more than 15 days of any address change and shall at all times maintain an active, current license status with the Board, including during any period of suspension.

Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license shall be fully restored.

- 3. **Report in Person.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives.
- 4. Residency, Practice, or Licensure Outside of State. Periods of residency or practice as a registered nurse outside of California shall not apply toward a reduction of this probation time period. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when he resides outside of California. Respondent must provide written notice to the Board within 15 days of any change of residency or practice outside the state, and within 30 days prior to re-establishing residency or returning to practice in this state.

Respondent shall provide a list of all states and territories where she has ever been licensed as a registered nurse, vocational nurse, or practical nurse. Respondent shall further provide information regarding the status of each license and any changes in such license status during the term of probation. Respondent shall inform the Board if she applies for or obtains a new nursing license during the term of probation.

5. Submit Written Reports. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall submit or cause to be submitted such written reports/declarations and verification of actions under penalty of perjury, as required by the Board. These reports/declarations shall contain statements relative to Respondent's compliance with all the conditions of the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the Board or its representatives.

 Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to the nursing regulatory agency in every state and territory in which she has a registered nurse license.

6. Function as a Registered Nurse. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall engage in the practice of registered nursing in California for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

For purposes of compliance with the section, "engage in the practice of registered nursing" may include, when approved by the Board, volunteer work as a registered nurse, or work in any non-direct patient care position that requires licensure as a registered nurse.

The Board may require that advanced practice nurses engage in advanced practice nursing for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation shall apply.

7. **Employment Approval and Reporting Requirements.** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before commencing or continuing any employment, paid or voluntary, as a registered nurse. Respondent shall cause to be submitted to the Board all performance evaluations and other employment related reports as a registered nurse upon request of the Board.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to her employer and immediate supervisors prior to commencement of any nursing or other health care related employment.

In addition to the above, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she obtains any nursing or other health care related employment. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she is terminated or separated, regardless of cause, from any nursing, or other health care related

employment with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation.

8. **Supervision.** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board regarding Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration before commencing or continuing any employment as a registered nurse, or education and training that includes patient care.

Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse in good standing (no current discipline) with the Board of Registered Nursing, unless alternative methods of supervision and/or collaboration (e.g., with an advanced practice nurse or physician) are approved.

Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration may include, but is not limited to the following:

- (a) Maximum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is present in the patient care area or in any other work setting at all times.
- (b) Moderate The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is in the patient care unit or in any other work setting at least half the hours Respondent works.
- (c) Minimum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration has person-to-person communication with Respondent at least twice during each shift worked.
- (d) Home Health Care If Respondent is approved to work in the home health care setting, the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall have person-to-person communication with Respondent as required by the Board each work day. Respondent shall maintain telephone or other telecommunication contact with the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration as required by the Board during each work day. The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall conduct, as required by the Board, periodic, on-site visits to patients' homes visited by Respondent with or without Respondent present.
- 9. **Employment Limitations.** Respondent shall not work for a nurse's registry, in any private duty position as a registered nurse, a temporary nurse placement agency, a traveling nurse, or for an in-house nursing pool.

Respondent shall not work for a licensed home health agency as a visiting nurse unless the registered nursing supervision and other protections for home visits have been approved by the Board. Respondent shall not work in any other registered nursing occupation where home visits are required.

Respondent shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of registered nurses. The Board may additionally restrict Respondent from supervising licensed vocational nurses and/or unlicenced assistive personnel on a case-by-case basis.

Respondent shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of nursing or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.

Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined worksite(s) and shall not work in a float capacity.

If Respondent is working or intends to work in excess of 40 hours per week, the Board may request documentation to determine whether there should be restrictions on the hours of work.

10. Complete a Nursing Course(s). Respondent, at her own expense, shall enroll and successfully complete a course(s) relevant to the practice of registered nursing no later than six months prior to the end of her probationary term.

Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before enrolling in the course(s). Respondent shall submit to the Board the original transcripts or certificates of completion for the above required course(s). The Board shall return the original documents to Respondent after photocopying them for its records.

11. **Cost Recovery.** Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board, with payments to be completed no later than three months prior to the end of the probation term.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with

this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation will apply.

12. Violation of Probation. If Respondent violates the conditions of her probation, the Board after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the stayed discipline (revocation/suspension) of Respondent's license.

If during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke probation has been filed against Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation against Respondent's license, the probationary period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

13. License Surrender. During respondent's term of probation, if he or she ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of probation, respondent may surrender her license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances, without further hearing.

Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license and wall certificate, respondent will no longer be subject to the conditions of probation.

Surrender of respondent's license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall become a part of respondent's license history with the Board. A registered nurse whose license has been surrendered may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than the following minimum periods from the effective date of the disciplinary decision:

- (1) Two years for reinstatement of a license that was surrendered for any reason other than a mental or physical illness; or
 - (2) One year for a license surrendered for a mental or physical illness.

Attorneys for Complainant

EXHIBIT A

Accusation No. 2006 - 92

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17	Registered Nurse License No. 489403			
18	Respondent.			
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20	Complainant alleges:			
21	<u>PARTIES</u>			
22	1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. (Complainant) brings this Accusation			
23	solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing,			
24	Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).			
25	2. On or about March 31, 1993, the Board issued Registered Nurse License			
26	No. 489403 to Rebecca Cajucom Samilin Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Samilin			
27	Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Avila, a.k.a. Lorena Villalobos De Reyes, a.k.a. Rebecca Lorena			
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in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on August 31, 2006, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811(b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.
 - 6. Section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- "(1) Incompetence, or gross negligence in carrying out usual certified or licensed nursing functions. . . ."
 - 7. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1442, states:

"As used in Section 2761 of the code, 'gross negligence' includes an extreme departure from the standard of care which, under similar circumstances, would have ordinarily been exercised by a competent registered nurse. Such an extreme departure means the repeated failure to provide nursing care as required or failure to provide care or to exercise ordinary precaution in a single situation which the nurse knew, or should have known, could have jeopardized the client's health or life."

8. Section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations

of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Gross Negligence)

- 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a)(1), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent while on duty as a registered nurse during her normal working shift on or about April 1, 2004, and on or about April 2, 2004, at U.S.C./Kenneth Norris Jr. Cancer Hospital, Los Angeles, California (USC/Norris), was grossly negligent in her assigned nursing care for Patient A.J.T., as follows:
- a. Respondent's assigned shift at USC/Norris was 1900 hours to 0730 hours (7:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.).
- b. Respondent was assigned as a Registered Nurse to care for a terminally ill, 23-year old, male Patient A.J.T., 2nd Lieutenant, USMC, admitted to USC/Norris for treatment of primary liver cancer that had metastasized to his lungs.
- c. USC/Norris' uses Clinical Practice Standards (Standards) defining the professional responsibilities of the Registered Nurse to achieve maximal patient care outcomes. The Standards provide a body system assessment table for daily initial assessments, reassessments, interventions, and M.D. notifications. The Standards required Respondent, as Patient A.J.T.'s Registered Nurse, to perform and document body system nursing assessments on Patient A.J.T., excluding interventions and M.D. notifications, as follows:
- 1) an initial total body system assessment of Patient A.J.T. within the first two (2) hours of the beginning of the 12-hour shift, on or about April 1, 2004, at on / or between 1900 hours and 2100 hours (7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.),
- 2) a mid-shift re-assessment on or about April 2, 2004, at approximately 0100 hours (1:00 a.m.), and
- 3) an ongoing daily re-assessment within two hours of the beginning of the next shift, on or about April 2, 2004, at on / or between 0500 hours and 0700 hours (5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.).

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During the period June 15, 2004 through September 24, 2004, USC/Norris b. audited 20 of Respondent's patient charts (five charts per month). The auditing data collection form noted 13 measures that each selected chart should meet. Substantially noted from the audit of Respondent's patient charts were two measures that stood out as generally not being met. On 18 of the 20 charts audited, Respondent failed to meet the measure, "Progress note reflects an end of shift evaluative statement." On all 20 of the charts audited, Respondent failed to meet the measure, "Progress notes follow SOAP1 format."

- On or about September 24, 2004, after the USC/Norris' 20 patient chart audit, a written warning entitled "Performance Management Record of Conference" documented Respondent's charting deficiencies with an action plan for improvement. Respondent was given an evaluation rating of "poor performance" based on the following:
 - Drew blood cultures on a patient without an order.
 - Failed to call the pain team for a patient with a pain score of 10/10.
 - Failed to complete chart checks 100%.
 - Failed to complete pain scores 100%.
 - Failed to complete end of shift nursing summary 100%.
- d. On or about September 24, 2004, Respondent was informed that she was required to do the following actions:
 - (1) Take full report on all patients, keep notes.
- (2) Review all M.D. orders and patient MAR (Medication Administration Record) at 24° chart check.

^{1.} SOAP charting method. A method of taking and charting a patient history and physical examination in which information is classified as subjective (S), objective (O), with assessment (A), and plan (P). This SOAP statement is made for each syndrome, problem, symptom, or diagnosis. Patient histories charted by this method are said to be SOAPed and charts produced using it are called SOAP charts. The method is used widely in the United States.

3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. DATED: 12/28 (05 RUTH ANN TERRY, M.P.H., R.N. Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California Complainant

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